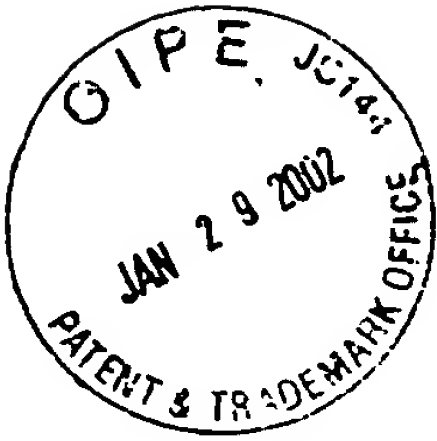


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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2001,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 2, 3, 4, and 5 are canceled.